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Mr. Jeff Derouen Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission Post Office Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602

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Re:

Kenergy Corp.

Case No. 2011-00035

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed for filing please find Motion of Kenergy Corp. to Substitute Witnesses.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DORSEY, KING, GRAY, NORMENT & HOPGOOD

By

J. Christopher Hopgood Attorney for Kenergy Corp.

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Office of Attorney General

Utility and Rate Intervention Division

Mr. Steve Thompson, Kenergy Corp.

Hon. Michael Kurtz, counsel for KIUC

#### **COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

JUN 27 2011

In the Matter of:	)	CASE NO. 2011-00035	PUBLIC SERVICE COLIMISSION
The Application of Kenergy Corp.	)		
For An Adjustment in Existing Rates	)		

#### MOTION OF KENERGY CORP. TO SUBSTITUTE WITNESSES

Kenergy Corp. ("Kenergy") moves the Commission to substitute the following witnesses due to the unanticipated absence of Kenergy witness, Gerald Ford:

- 1. Sanford Novick and John Newland for Third Data Request Item 11(b).
- 2. Doug Hoyt for Third Data Request Item 20.

Attached hereto are Verifications of the above referenced substitute witnesses.

The hearing is set for July 7, 2011, and the witness, Gerald Ford, has a scheduled vacation with substantial non-refundable costs if he has to cancel.

This the 23rd day of June, 2011.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been served upon the Attorney General of Kentucky, Office of Rate Intervention, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, Hon. Michael Kurtz, Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry, 36 East Seventh Street, Suite 1510, Cincinnati, OH 45202; and Hon. David Brown, Stites & Harbison, 1800 Providian Center, 400 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40202, by mailing a true and correct copy of same on this 23rd day of June, 2011.

J. Christopher Hopgoo

Counsel for Kenergy Corp

### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:	)
THE APPLICATION OF KENERGY CORP FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN EXISTING RATES	2.) CASE No. 2011-00035 )
VERIFICATIO	<u>ON</u>
(Supplement to Third Data Re	equest – Item 11)
We verify, state and affirm	m that the data request responses
attached hereto and filed with this verification	are true and correct to the best of
our knowledge and belief formed after a reasona	able inquiry, and we ask that we be
added as witnesses for this information.	
	Ruford Norick
	Sanford Novick  The Sanford Novick  John Newland
STATE OF KENTUCKY	

The foregoing was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me by SANFORD NOVICK and JOHN NEWLAND, this 22ml day of June, 2011.

My commission expires 5-24-2015

Notary Public, State of Kentucky at Large

(seal)

**COUNTY OF DAVIESS** 

## KENERGY CORP. RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S THIRD DATA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

#### 2011 RATE APPLICATION

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"CT" or Current Transformer Rated Meters are set at accounts that require Response b) instrument transformers to be metered safely and efficiently. They are used to keep dangerously high voltages and currents out of the meter sockets so they may be maintained safely by service personnel. 4 "CT^" meters in the response to 18.h should have actually used the term "Instrument Transformer 5 Rated" instead of CT Meter. 6 7 To be in compliance with PSC testing requirements for instrument transformer rated accounts all CT's 8 and PT's (instrument transformers) are to be tested when the meter is tested. Because of the need to 9 have a "load" or current flow through the CT's when being tested, additional testing equipment is 10 required over and above Kenergy's field test kits, if the account is not loaded at the time of test. Kenergy employed the services of a meter testing contractor to perform the tests on all instrument rated 12 accounts. The contractor is required to have and use the special testing equipment to be able to apply a 13 load on the instrument transformers if required for testing during the site test/inspection to meet PSC 14 requirements. This accounts for the increase in account 597,000 during the test period. Kenergy also 15 downsized its' meter shop by not replacing personnel upon retirements of two individuals, therefore, 16 Kenergy does not have the manpower available to perform these tests in-house.

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Witness b) Sanford Novick and John Newland

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Approximately \$82,000 was related to pension costs, with \$25,000 for health Response c) insurance. The remaining \$75,306 increase resulted from more labor and payroll taxes charged to this account vs. other accounts in the prior year.

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
THE APPLICATION OF KENERGY CORP.) CASE No. 2011-00035 FOR AN ADJUSTMENT IN EXISTING RATES )
<u>VERIFICATION</u>
(Supplement to Third Data Request – Item 20)
I verify, state and affirm that the data request response
attached hereto and filed with this verification is true and correct to the best of my
knowledge and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry, and I ask that I be added
as a witness for this information.
Doug Hoy
STATE OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF DAVIESS
The foregoing was signed, acknowledged and sworn to before me by DOUG HOYT this With day of June, 2011.
me by DOUG HOYT this Apple day of June, 2011.
My commission expires $5-24-2015$

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## KENERGY CORP. RESPONSE TO THE COMMISSION'S THIRD DATA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Item 20) Refer to Exhibit 5 of the application, page 9, Contractor Vegetation Management Adjustment.

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a. The response states that the number of miles cleared during the test year was above normal for a 12-month period. What does Kenergy consider to be the normal number of miles cleared during a 12-month period?

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**b.** Explain how Kenergy determined that 1,103 miles was appropriate to use for calculating its pro-forma vegetation management expense.

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c. Provide the actual miles cleared for the calendar years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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Response a) An average of 1,080 miles cleared per year over a five-year period.

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Response b) Beginning in 2005, Kenergy's board of directors and management placed a

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commitment to provide adequate funding for the program. It is common for electric utilities to strive

renewed emphasis on vegetation management as a means of improving reliability. With that came a

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to achieve a cycle of between 4-5 years in an effort to balance the cost of clearing right-of-way with

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the anticipated reliability benefits. At the time, Kenergy determined that it was cost prohibitive to institute a cycle less than approximately six years and began implementing that planned approach.

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Shortly after this, all utilities were required to submit a vegetation management plan to the Kentucky

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Public Service Commission, in part identifying their VM cycle. Kenergy's cycle length is consistent

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with this approach and is stated as not to exceed six years.

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A second objective for Kenergy was to reduce the next cycle len	ngth to a level
more consistent with the 4-5 year timeframe. As a result of Kenergy's continued com-	nmitment to its
VM program, we will begin meeting the objective of reducing the cycle to 5 years begin	inning in 2011.
Kenergy maintains approximately 5,400 miles of overhead line. In order to achieve a 5 y	year VM cycle
length, an average of 1,080 miles will need to be cleared each of those 5 years. 1,1	,103 represents
mileage associated with a specific set of feeders to be cleared in 2011 and is consist	istent with the
average mileage associated with a 5 year VM cycle.	

Response	c)	2006	-	736 miles
		2007	-	993 miles
		2008	-	916 miles
		2009	-	939 miles
		2010	-	1,152 miles

Witness) Doug Hoyt

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